THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) UTI has made an additional net investment of Rs.8712.1 crores during the first eleven months (1st July, 1994 to 31st May, 1995) of the year 1994-95.

(b) UTI raised over Rs.11250 crores under different schemes during 1994-95.

(c) The earnings of UTI under different schemes for any year are normally available after finalisation of audited accounts for the year in September.

Production of Mulberry Silk

269. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the mulberry silk producing States;

(b) the production of mulberry silk in those States during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the area under mulberry cultivation in the non-traditional States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction particularly in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G.VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement indicating names of mulberry silk producing States and their production of mulberry silk during the last 3 years is enclosed. (Please *see* below).

(c) and (d) In order to increase area under mulberry cultivation in non-traditional States, a World Bank/Swiss Development Cooperation assisted National sericulture Project is being implemented in 12 non-traditional states (including Orissa) since 1989-90 and an expenditure of Rs.22.58 crores has been incurred till 1994-95.

In so far as Orissa is concerned, the National Sericulture Project envisages mulberry acreage of 2000 acres and creation of the following infrastructure in the State during the project period upto December '96.

(1) Basic Seed Farms	1
(2) Silkworm seed Production Centre	1
(3) Technical service Centres	8
(4) Demonstration-cum-Training Centre	1
(5) Cocoon Drying Chambers	40
(6) Sericulture Training School	1

Apart from this, an area of 1742 acres had been brought under mulberry Bivoltine sericulture Development Project implemented by Central Silk Board (CSB) and the State Government of Orissa during 1987-88 to 1994-95 at a cost of Rs.5.44 crores. Besides, maintaining a Regional Agriculture Research station at Koraput and a Research Extension centre at Kuchinda, the CSB has also been implementing in Orissa Central Plan schemes for the supply of mulberry cuttings, education of framers and incentive for bivoltine raw silk producers to encourage them to take up bivoltine sericulture.

Statement

A Statement Indicating Names of Mulberry Silk Producing States and their Production of Mulberry Silk during the last 3 Years

[In M.T.]

State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (Provisional)
Andhra Pradesh	3139	2858	2480
Assam	20	28	24

State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (Provisional)
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	1
Bihar	43	25	25
Gujarat	1	Neg(367 kgs.)	Neg(161 kgs)
Himachal Pradesh	9	11	7
Haryana	Neg(90 kgs)	1	1
Jammu & Kashmir	23	15	19
Karnataka	7285	8250	8865
Kerala	—	2	3
Madhya Pradesh	4	6	5
Maharashtra	2	6	6
Manipur	39	41	44
Mizoram	1	Neg(205 kgs)	Neg (68 kgs)
Meghalaya	1	1	1
Nagaland	1	1	Neg(283 kgs)
Orissa	4	7	7
Punjab	—	Neg(28 kgs)	—
Rajasthan	Neg(395 kgs)	Neg(188 kgs)	Neg (419 kgs)
Tamil Nadu	1342	1099	1234
Tripura	2	1	Neg (181 kgs)
Uttar Pradesh	19	17	20
West Bengal	1064	1024	1137
	13000	13394	13879

Cases Referred to Central Excise Authorities by Super Bazar

270. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the super Bazar had referred a case of central Excise Duty charged by some of the washing soap manufacturers in Delhi to the central Excise authorities;

(b) if so, whether the authorities have taken any decision in the matter and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is correct to increase the prices of the products without being subjected to payment there by the manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes Sir. A case was referred by the Manager (Purchase) of Super Bazar, Connaught Place, New Delhi to the Commissioner of Central Excise, New Delhi on 17.12.94 to look into the excise duty charged by three soap manufacturers, namely:—

(i) M/s. Gora Mal Hari Ram. 39 Rama Road, Najafgarh Road, New Delhi.

(ii) M/s. Moti Soap Factory (P) Ltd., 6 Rameshwer Nagar, Azad Pur, New Delhi.

(iii) M/s. Khanna Soap Factory, C-3/11 Ph.II Mayapuri, New Delhi.

(b) and (c) On examination, it was found that M/s. Gora Mal Hari Ram were charging central excise central excise duty correctly but not the other two manufacturers since they were neither required to pay any duty nor had